

RESOLUTION NO. 687

***WHEREAS,** Douglas B. MacDonald was appointed by the Washington State Transportation Commission to serve as the Secretary of Transportation on April 23, 2001; and*

***WHEREAS,** Douglas B. MacDonald made accountability at all levels of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) an utmost priority, most notably in the creation of the “Gray Notebook- Measure, Markers, and Mileposts”; and*

***WHEREAS,** Douglas B. MacDonald provided the public, the Legislature, the Governor, and the media with unprecedented levels of direct access to himself and WSDOT employees to ensure accurate and timely information was shared; and*

***WHEREAS,** Douglas B. MacDonald was known to be an “on-the-road” Secretary who often made unannounced visits across the state to construction sites, maintenance sheds, ferry terminals, and other facility locations to see first hand the work that was being done and to thank his employees for the great job they all do; and*

***WHEREAS,** Douglas B. MacDonald created a high level of confidence and trust in the department’s ability to deliver projects on time and on budget, a fact that contributed to the successful passage of two gas tax increases by the Legislature in just a few short years, resulting in one of the most ambitious transportation construction programs in the nation; and*

***WHEREAS,** Douglas B. MacDonald made WSDOT a leader among state agencies for its work in fostering cooperative, trusting relationships with tribal governments in addressing transportation, environmental, and cultural resource interests; and*

***WHEREAS,** Douglas B. MacDonald has been nationally recognized as an expert on environmental issues related to transportation and in congestion pricing, leading our state’s transportation community on both fronts; and*

***WHEREAS,** Douglas B. MacDonald lead a team of committed individuals in delivering one of the biggest projects our state has seen in decades – the completion of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge – on time and under budget; and*

***WHEREAS,** Douglas B. MacDonald upon his departure as our state’s Secretary of Transportation, leaves behind a legacy of leadership in the face of adversity, accountability and accomplishment in the face of skepticism and doubt, and unending determination to further understanding and knowledge of transportation issues statewide;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Washington State Transportation Commission recognizes and honors Douglas B. MacDonald as Secretary of Transportation for his exemplary service and commitment to the State of Washington and its citizens; our state’s transportation system will forever bear his mark of excellence.*

ADOPTED this 18th day of July 2007.

WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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